

REMARKS

Claims 34-45 are currently active.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 40-43 as being anticipated by Hancock.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Hancock teaches only rotation of a caster and wheel, but not movement both rotatably and longitudinally. Longitudinal movement is key because it provides for the ability for the caster and wheel through the rod to move from the first position to the predetermined position and back. Accordingly, Claims 40-43 are not anticipated by Hancock.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 34-39, 44 and 45 as being unpatentable over Hancock. For the reasons explained above in regard to Claims 40-43; Claims 34-39, 44 and 45 are also not obvious from Hancock since Hancock does not teach or suggest any type of longitudinal movement regarding the caster and wheel through the rod.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 34-45, now in this application be allowed.

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